

REMARKS

Basis for the amendment to claim 1 may be found in original claim 15 and at page 20 line 8 of the specification.

In paragraphs 3 and 4, claim 1 stands rejected under 35 USC 102 over Coleman et al. (201) or Cherian (132). It is respectfully requested that these rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn as moot. Claim 1 now incorporates claim 15, which was not the subject of these rejections.

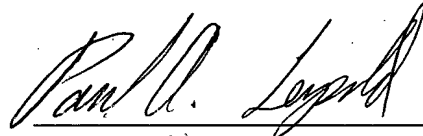
In paragraph 5 of the Office Action, claims 1 and 15 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 as anticipated by Punton. (760). The Examiner states that Punton discloses an article comprising an image member comprising a polymer sheet having an image adhered thereto permanently adhered to a functional base. The Examiner cites page 4 lines 24-27 and page 5 lines 24-26 as disclosing microembossed polymer. However, there is no teaching or suggestion on pages 4 and 5 that the functional base has microprismatic elements. The teachings at page 5 lines 20 - 23 indicate that the polymeric sheet has conventional surface characteristics such as glossy, matte, or embossed finish. There is no disclosure or suggestion of the use of microprismatic elements such as now claimed. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

In paragraph 7 of the Office Action, claim 15 stands rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Coleman et al. or Cherian and in view of Furuya et al. (180). The Examiner states that both Coleman et al. and Cherian disclose an article comprising an image member comprising a polymer sheet having an image adhered thereto and adhered to a functional base, and that the base interacts to create an image utility. The Examiner notes that both references failed to disclose the functional base being micro embossed. Furuya et al. is stated to teach it is well known to have a microembossed polymer to provide a functional base. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Coleman and Cherian as discussed above do disclose a sheet that has microprismatic prisms. Furuya et al. discloses knurling the edges of a polyester film. The knurls are not coated with image forming material and no image interaction with the knurls is present. Further, the knurls are not microprismatic. There is no combination of the three references that discloses or suggests the invention. Therefore, it is respectfully

requested that the rejection of Coleman et al. or Cherian in view of Furuya et al. be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejections under 35 USC 102 and 35 USC 103 be reconsidered and withdrawn and that an early Notice of Allowance be issued in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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